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NOTE

SEE 865d.01/157 FOR Despatch #1797

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED July 22, 1936.
TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Automobile transportation in Ethiopia. Ministry of Colonies
has assumed control over- Special permission must be obtained
to operate bus and truck service.

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SEE 865d.01/166 FOR #1863

FROM Italy (Tittmann) DATED Sept. 2, 1936.
TO NAME 1-1127

REGARDING: Italian administration and development of Ethiopia.

Fixation of charges for public automobile service.
Encouragement of private ownership of cars.

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SEE 865d.01/171 FOR Despatch #1889

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED Sept. 16, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127 670

REGARDING: Automobiles- Italian East Africa. On September 9th the first consignment of public taxes which are to be sent to Addis Ababa, were blessed by a priest in the Piazza San Pietro, Rome.

Automobiles.

On September 9, the first consignment of public taxis which are to be sent to Addis Ababa, were blessed by a priest in the Piazza San Pietro, Rome. The taxis, which are of the 515 Fiat type, bearing Addis Ababa number plates, were afterwards driven to Naples for shipment. A regular public taxi service will be inaugurated in the Ethiopian capital on October 1.

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SEE 865d.01/247 FOR Despatch #155

FROM Italy (Phillips) DATED Jan. 13, 1937
TO NAME 1-1127 o r o

REGARDING: Bus service- Italian East Africa. Opening of, between
Massaua and Addis Ababa.

Bus Service.

A motor bus service, to run at first every two days, and ultimately every day, is about to be opened between Massaua and Addis Ababa. It will permit the journey to be made in four days, and, it is expected, will relieve the heavy traffic on the Djibouti Railway and at the same time reduce the need for foreign currency to pay railway and freight charges. A similar service is to be inaugurated between Massaua and Gondar.

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ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT-AIDED TRANSPORT
COMPANY IN ITALIAN EAST AFRICA

By: American Consul

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Royal Decree Law No. 1702 of August 21, 1937, promulgated in the Official Gazette of October 12, 1937, provides substantially as indicated below.

The administrations of the national government, state administrations and the governments of Italian East Africa are authorized to participate, up to a combined total of 50 million lire, in the capital stock of a corporation to be called either "Società Italiana Trasporti Africa Orientale" (S.I.T.A.O.) or "Compagnia Italiana Trasporti Africa Orientale" (C.I.T.A.O.) with headquarters at Rome. The participation may take the form of contributed automotive vehicles, other materials, plants and real estate. The company will be under the supervision and control of the Ministries of Italian Africa and of Finance. Subject to the approval of these Ministries the participation may be increased up to a total of 100 million lire.

The function of the company will be the establishment and operation of the following: (1) automobile services for the transportation of freight and persons for the accounts of the public administrations; (2) automotive transport services for freight and passengers (at the charge of private persons and concerns it is assumed) on main arteries of communication to be fixed later by ministerial decree; (3) parking places and the like, repair stations and technical services; (4) reserves of replacement and repair parts, fuel and lubricants.

Appraisal of the value of non-cash contribu-

tions

tions (described above) is left to a committee of experts to be named by the Ministry of Italian Africa in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance. In case of controversy between the Company and the Committee appeal lies to the Ministry of Italian Africa and its decision will be final.

The Company may benefit by eminent domain procedure, subject to the general laws governing its exercise. It is also authorized to issue one or more series of State guaranteed bonds at 4-1/2 per cent with the approval of the Ministry of Italian Africa in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, and subject to such ministerial conditions and terms as may hereafter be imposed.

The so-called circulation tax applicable to the corporation's stock is reduced by one fourth.

The decree law outlined above is one element of the general effort being made to meet the pressing necessity of adequate communication facilities in Italian East Africa and particularly in the recently conquered part of it.

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